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SUBJECT: MACEDONIA: OSCE PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR FY 2007  
FUNDED EXTRABUDGETARY PROJECTS

REF: STATE 41062

11. (U) Per reftel instructions, we recommend for funding the following three priority rule of law/police training projects proposed by the OSCE Spillover Monitoring Mission Skopje:

-- Study Visit for Judges to the ICTY

Project Number: 2600360 XB-SKP-HD-ICTY-07

Budget: Euros 26,215

Justification: The goal of this project is to improve the quality of justice in processing war crimes cases. Post endorses this worthwhile project as a natural continuation of an ongoing OSCE project for training visits for judges and prosecutors to Bosnia.

-- Efficiency of the Court When Dealing with Organized Crime Cases

Project Number: 2600384

Budget: Euros 28,610

Justification: This project will further support the Skopje-based NGO "All for Fair Trials," which continues to do outstanding trial observation work, especially of trafficking-in-persons (TIP) cases. Post endorses this project to assist the NGO's monitoring efforts at basic courts around the country, which have been underway since 12005.

-- Building Border Police Capacity

Project Number: 2600362 XB-SKP-PM-BP Cap Build-07

Budget: Euros 16,585

Justification: This project will enable the Macedonian Border Police to communicate more effectively in Albanian and Greek to ensure better cooperation with their counterparts in neighboring Albania and Greece. Post endorses this project, which builds upon past efforts of both OSCE and Post's ICITAP program.

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